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First Musical Clubs Concert

The annual Utica concert of the Musical Clubs was held at the New Century Auditorium last Monday night. The clubs were greeted by a large and appreciative audience, which frequently showed its delight at the excellent entertainment provided by the clubs. Not alone the leaders but also the individual members of the clubs are deserving of the highest praise for their efforts.

The 1907 concert opened with a selection by the Glee Club, "The Goblins 'll Git You if You Don't Watch Out," which was rendered with spirit and was well received. The Instrumental Club followed with "Miss Dixie," showing careful preparation and giving a finished rendition. Simmons, '08, and Sarles, '10, scored a decided hit in "Sort of an Olio." Their "business" was well carried out and they made their number go all the time. The Glee Club gave a new Campus Medley, by Purdy '06, which is fine. Then Hastings made one of the hits of the eveing in his solo work. "The Glass House," next appeared. The play was something of a disappointment. It was wordy, lacked action and required too much time for its setting. Of the performers, McAneny was best. The Instrumental Club's number dragged, not having enough dash to carry well with an average audience. Everybody was brought up standing, however, when Weekes did his solo work in "Das Schöne Garten." To many, this was the best of the evening. The quartet, or as now styled, "The Foolish Four," were pleasing, as always. Their selections were wise and well rendered. The Glee Club closed the concert with a very good number. Everything considered, it was a fine concert. Many corners remain to be smoothed off and much raggedness in execution must be overcome before the men can appear before critical audiences, but the performance gives promise of better things to come.

The program was as follows:

1. Th' Goblins 'll Git You if You Don't Watch Out. (Parks) Glee Club; 2. Miss Dixie (Hager) Instrumental Club; 3. Sort of an "Olio," Mr. Simmons and Mr. Sarles; 4. 1908 Campus Medley (Arr. by W. T. Purdy, '06) Glee Club; 5. The Little Irish Girl (Teschemacher and Lohr) Mr. Hastings and Mandolin Quintette; 6. "The Glass House," (A One-Act Drama by Ravaud H. Truax, '09,) characters: R. H. Truax and R. B. Rudd, '09, W. B. Simmons, '08, and H. D. McAneny, '10; 7. (a) The Broken-hearted Sparrow (b) The Merry Lark (Theo Bendix) Instrumental Club; 8. Opus 231 Das Schöne Garten (Kronztmann) Mr. Weekes and Glee Club; 9. The "Foolish Four," Messrs. Simmons, Hastings, Sicard and White; 10. Shoulder Straps (Van Alstyne) Instrumental Club; 11. The Jolly Blacksmith's Lay (Giebel) Glee Club; 12. Carissima (Stryker '72) Glee Club.

Advisory Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board was held in Silliman Hall at seven o'clock Tuesday evening with President Wood in the chair. Twenty-five members were present and considerable routine and important business was transacted. Officers for the ensuing year were recommended by the Board to be voted on by the College on Saturday, December 14th. Prof. Wood withdrew from the presidency and the following recommendations were made:

For President, Prof. R. U. Sherman, '05.

Vice-President, Prof. Wood.

Treasurer, Prof. Miller.

After several ballots, Spencer, '09, and A. S. Evans, '09, were recommended for the office of secretary.

For Manager of Football, A. F. Osborn, '09; Assistant Manager, Cross, '10, and Burns, '10.

The present list of Alumni and Faculty members underwent a slight substitution. Prof. Babcock, '96, was recommended to fill the place of Prof. Sherman, '05, and Prof. Sicard for Chas. B. Rogers, '87.

The tentative Baseball schedule for 1908 was presented by Manager Love, '09, and accepted, as was also the Basketball schedule of Manager Williams.

Holley, '08, recommended the following men as having won the 1907 football "H."

White, Williams, Kellogg, McLean, '08; Thomas, H. P. Osborn, Welch, Wilson, '09; Leavenworth, Glover, '10; and Sidle, '11.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

The Hop

The Sophomore Hop was held immediately after the concert last Monday evening. The only unsatisfactory feature was the cutting out of dances, necessitated by the length of the concert and the lease limit set by the Auditorium management.

Taken as a whole, the Hop of 1910 ranks among the most successful dances of the present college generation. The hall was tastefully decorated with College and Class banners. The attendance was gratifying and the financial end of the affair was as successful as in previous years. Mrs. White, Mrs. Carruth, and Mrs. Bel-

linger attended as patronesses. Owens served.

Perry & Wilcox, of Ilion, furnished music that left little to be desired. In selection and rendition each number bespoke for these enterprising musicians favorable consideration by the Prom. committee.

Harper, *chairman*, Brasted, Cross, Evans, Hastings, Lovenguth, Sarles, Volovic and Wills composed the committee.

Lit. Critique

The appearance of the December "Lit." together with the first real snowstorm of the season led many to wonder if there might not be some omen in the coincidence. But those who expected anything wintry from the present gifted board of editors, were deservedly disappointed, for this "Lit." is at least a step in advance of any of its predecessors. There are, it is true, some things not strikingly appropriate in it, the balance does not always even approximate perfection, and the critic is not completely foiled of his opportunities, but every contribution is well-written and has at least symptoms of merit. Our vigilant eye has entirely failed to find the long familiar space-filler. Some suspicious minds might point to Allen's K. P. oration since it cost no labor to the board. But, good as all our K. P's., and better indeed than most, it deserves a place on its own merits. But better even than its literary excellence, is the fact that not all the contributors are found among the editors. The support of our periodical by men not on the board is a sign of awakening interest and of vitality in the publication itself which has long been eagerly sought. Surely, the only expression of, and outlet for, the dormant literary ability of this college ought to find more than five or six men to take advantage of it. We are proud of the "Lit.," we wish that understood, before we begin to pick flaws. Remember, we write "with malice toward none, with charity toward all."

The two contributions from the facile pen of Truax, one of which opens the issue, are in our opinion of a very different order of merit. His "Dream Sonnet" is pleasing, but very, very vague, and great concessions have been made to the rhyme. If we dreamt of "a grotto upon the breast of a Sea," or of the feet of lasting dusk, we would beg for a place at the training table and a renouncing of late lunches, but of course we must allow poetic license. "Love's Youth," his other effort, has some fine lines and pretty sentiments, but its meaning is a little beyond us. Why, even youthful and in love, he should lay claim to so many and diverse things, is something of a mystery.

Now the "Garden of the Gods," by Phil Welch, is different. We have all been there and can understand. It is a sort of revised and expurgated "Pilgrims' Progress." And the Monologue, by Rudd, strikes the note of reality and is excellent indeed of its kind. It is wonderful how he catches the very spirit and essence of the inconsequential feminine. Would that we might hear him give it—in costume, of course.

Welch's "Professional?" with its "So long, Rudyard" air, is not on a par with his usual verse. It is clever, but lacks life. The only criticism allowable on "Beasts," by Dounce, is that to appreciate it properly you have to read it at least three times. This is a virtue, but not a popular one. Why do we not see more of Baum's work in "Lit."? He ought to make a good lawyer. The way he nailed Dounce's rash statement that all objective poetry was mere artistry was beautiful. It was like a good tackle—nothing to do but remove the remains.

Probably the chance will not occur again, for Dounce is always improving. His Campus Odes are splendid. "To a Prom. Girl" strikes us in just the right spot with its appealing grace. "To the Letter —" is not far behind, though a football player might protest that he never felt like that in a game. But probably he could come no nearer to expressing his feelings,— so there you are.

Prof. Ward, in his Reminiscences, strikes the same humorous vein which enlivens so agreeably our football smokers, and incidentally casts a bright light on contemporary history. Prex. is revealed as the original man with the big stick.

All in all, this "Lit." is a remarkable production. The only department not up to standard is the Alumniana, and let us hope this is only temporary. It is usually the best in the magazine. For the rest, the Editorials are timely, the football summary being particularly apt. The Hill Notes are as good as any in LIFE, and even the Book Reviews are readable. May it never fall below this standard but always improve.

Term Examinations

The exam. schedule is as follows:

SENIORS

Fri. 9, Finance, Physical Laboratory. Sat. 9, History of Education; 1:30, Greek. Mon. 9, History of Philosophy, Latin; 1:30, German Phonology, Italian. Tues. 9, Geology, German, French. Wed. 9, English Literature, Physics. Thurs. 9, Chemistry, American History. Fri. 9, Christian Evidences.

JUNIORS

Fri. 9, Biology and Zoology; 1:30, Sociology, French. Sat. 9, Old and Middle English, Calculus. Mon. 9, German, Mineralogy; 1:30, Italian. Tues. 9, Chemistry, American History. Wed. 9, Physics, Latin. Thurs. 9, Church History; 1:30. Greek. Fri. 9, Psychology.

SOPHOMORES

Fri. 9, French (Ex Hall), Biology. Sat. 9, French, (L. S.) Greek; 1:30, French, (L. S.) Mon. 9, German, L. S.; 1:30, German. Tues. 9, Chemistry, L. S. Wed. 9, Analytical Geometry. Thurs. 9, Latin. Fri. 9, Studies of Apostle Paul.

FRESHMEN

Fri. 9, French, (L. S.) Sat. 9, Outlines of History, French, (L. S.), Greek (Ex. Hall); 1:30, French, (L. S.) Mon. 9, Elocution; 1:30, German, (L. S.) Tues. 9, Latin. Wed. 9, Epistle of James. Thurs. 9, Algebra. Fri. 9, English Composition.

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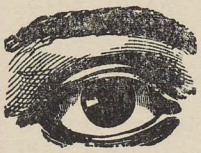

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THOSE WHO USE THE HILL for rapid transit are frequently annoyed by the appropriation of their sleds. College custom demands that no one shall use a sled which he has not brought up. After a man has drawn up a sled on a slippery morning he feels naturally rather inclined to wrath if he finds that sled gone. Nor is the appropriation of sleds confined to those which are left on the campus. Already sleds have been taken from the dormitories. This is a very severe breach of college etiquette and should be done away with immediately. We do not believe that any of the offenders can plead ignorance nor can any other excuse be brought forward to condone the practice. It violates college custom and we hope that we will suffer no more.

THE DEBATING SEASON is rapidly approaching, if not already at hand, and LIFE regrets to note that very little activity has as yet been shown along this line. Oratorical and debating ability has long been associated with Hamilton and we believe is as thoroughly characteristic of this College today as ever before. But our boast is vain enough unless we substantiate our right to the assertion. It seems a pity that we should neglect that branch of intercollegiate activity for which we are preëminently fitted.

It would be absurd, indeed, to contend with Yale or Princeton in football or baseball, but a debate with any of the larger institutions lies easily within our ability and, win or lose, would do more to advertise the College and the individual contestants than all the football games that have ever been played on the Hill in a single season.

If anything at all is to be done this season, arrangements should be commenced as soon as possible.

WITHOUT THE LEAST intention of being hypercritical, we doubt whether the action of the faculty, in limiting the number of basketball games to be played this season, is a wise move. For more reasons than one it is advisable to have as complete a schedule as may be profitably played. The policy of limiting the number of games will have a tendency to discourage trips and is more or less of a direct blow to the continuance of this branch of our athletics.

Not even excepting football, basketball is the most important branch of our athletics. If for no other reason, the fact that we are able to make a creditable showing against any and every college basketball team, would stamp it as the most valued of our athletic department. Basketball, while it demands skill, agility and a certain amount of endurance, does not require the strength and weight which football necessitates. In the past, Hamilton has produced basketball teams which have defeated Princeton, stood up against Williams with credit and honor, and defeated Syracuse and Colgate.

Probably nothing contributes so largely to attract attention and bring men to a college as its athletic prowess. Just now we are hearing quite a little about "more men for Hamilton" and the problem of filling the splendid new dormitories is directly confronting us. Presumably all the gentlemen of the faculty would rejoice to see Hamilton's student body number 300 men. Is it not, then, somewhat inconsistent to express their desire for the increase in numbers and at the same time to curtail and nullify the means of bringing about the increase? We think that a little consideration will readily bring out this fact.

The effect upon the college of this pruning policy is also to be considered. Nothing, probably, brings us together more than these same intercollegiate games. Then class spirit and strife is forgotten and we are all Hamilton men, eagerly watching the team and working with them for victory. It is here that the invincible Hamilton spirit finds its audible — and laudable — expression. A limitation placed upon the number of games might conceivably cause an impairment and even a dying out of the old Hamilton spirit. That this would be a cause for alarm none can or would deny.

Nor should it be forgotten that the team itself may suffer by the agitation for fewer games. It has been pointed out that the intervals between games are of necessity too long to keep up the pink of perfection which is required to win games.

Thus far we can see nothing but evil resultant from placing a limit upon the number of games to be played. If there are any material benefits to be had by pursuing this policy, to our mind they are far outbalanced by the resultant evils which have been pointed out. On this point we stand pat — as full a schedule as may be advantageously played, and for this fourteen games seems a minimum limit.

Dr. Davenport Speaks

The public favor with which Dr. Davenport's series of University Extension Lectures are being received by the citizens of Utica is attested by the increased interest with each successive lecture. The public recognize in Dr. Davenport not only a finished and pleasing speaker but a man thoroughly acquainted and familiar with the sub-

ject in hand and are eager to hear discussed a question that is of vital importance in national politics today.

Tuesday evening the subject of the lecture was "The Railway as a Monopoly," and was the third in the series. Dr. Davenport placed all the industries of the country in two great classes, those that are ruled by the law of competition and those that are governed by the law of monopoly, and fully developed each class. The seat of all trouble concerning rebates and unjust discrimination, he maintained, is directly traceable to the worship by the American people of the fetich of Railway Competition. Dr. Davenport, in bringing his lecture to date, reviewed and commented upon the President's message, commending what he considered laudable but not hesitating to criticise that with which he disagreed.

The next lecture will be delivered on January 7th, in which Dr. Davenport will discuss "The Relations of the Railways and the Trusts," showing how the railways have built up the oil and beef trusts, together with many others.

Alpha Delta Phi Informal

The Hamilton chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity gave an informal dance on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall. Dancing was enjoyed until 3 o'clock. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock by Owens, followed by a favor cotillion. Bergner's orchestra furnished the music. The patronesses were: Mrs. Weekes, of Watertown, Mrs. Dounce, of Syracuse, Mrs. Osborne, of Clinton, and Mrs. Merwin, of Utica. The following have been guests of the members of the fraternity during the week: Miss Calder, Miss Pomeroy, Miss Butler, Miss Gertrude Millar, Miss Winant, of Utica; Miss Newton, Miss Gladys Ball, Miss Margaret Ball, Miss Smith, of Watertown; Miss Evelyn Stryker, Miss Cauldwell, of Clinton; Miss Kimble, of Binghamton; Miss Brooks, of Syracuse; Miss Hortense Fowler, of Lowville; Miss Elizabeth Fowler, of Lafayette; Messrs. Merwin, '99, Eells and Williams, of Utica; Mr. George Bell, of Ogdensburg.

An Important Event

Today at noon occurs the marriage of Miss Alida Stryker, eldest daughter of President Stryker, to Elihu Root, jr. The wedding, which is to be a small one, will take place at the President's residence and will be the occasion for the return to the Hill of quite a few alumni. Indeed, it is decidedly a Hamilton affair. The groom is a graduate of this College in the Class of 1903 and won during his course many honors, including Clark Prize, Pentagon and Head Prize, not to mention managership of the track team, debate and several essay and declamation prizes. Since graduation he has taken a law degree at Harvard and has already made an auspicious start in that profession in New York City. Dr. Stryker will officiate at the wedding. There will be no best man. The bride and groom will take up residence in New York and will have as their summer home "Square's" old house here on the Hill.

Among the alumni that are here to attend the wedding are: Stowell, '01, Stowell and Root, '05, and Stryker, '06.

Exchanges

— A meeting of college presidents of New England, representing in all fourteen institutions, will be held at Harvard University, Dec. 5 and 6. At this meeting topics of general college interest previously submitted by the various delegates will be informally discussed.

— In the Engineering Department of Columbia University there has been lately introduced what is known as the "identical first year." According to the workings of this system, all freshmen pursue the same courses for the year, at the end of which the student decides in which branch of engineering he desires to specialize. This method, besides giving all the men a thorough understanding of the elements of engineering, is designed to acquaint them with the various engineering systems before one is chosen for special work. It also prevents the changing of second and third year men from one engineering branch to another.

— Williams numbers among its student organizations a "Good Government Club" which aims directly at civic improvement, even planning research work such as the personal inspection of child labor conditions in the immediate vicinity. In addition to this work the club meets regularly, when it is addressed by public men and such prominent speakers as may be secured.

— President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, at a recent meeting of college presidents and high school principals held in New York City, declared himself to be emphatically in favor of vigorous entrance examinations. He believes that besides their value in individual scholarship they are of material benefit in developing character.

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COLLEGE NOTES

—Hatfield, '09, has returned to college.

— All 12 o'clock classes today will be omitted.

— Prof. Miller will speak before the Clinton Y. M. C. A. Monday evening.

— The Quartet will sing at the services in the Stone Church tomorrow evening.

— The case of Allen vs. 1910 and 1911 has been adjourned to the second week in January.

— Watch your suit cases; two have been stolen from the Clinton cars in the past ten days.

— The Arbor light is at present out of commission. It ought to be repaired as soon as possible.

— Snow breakers have been erected on the west side of the Campus between Knox Hall and Commons Hall.

— Musical Clubs Concerts will be given early next term in Oneida, Auburn, Herkimer, Little Falls and Syracuse.

— Dr. Davenport will speak on "The Religion of the Twentieth Century" at the Methodist Church in Ilion tomorrow.

— Dr. Stryker presided at the morning service in Westminster Church, Utica, last Sunday. He will occupy the pulpit of the church tomorrow.

— The past week has seen three of the stately old poplars drop out of the line which guards the approach to the Campus. It was not without a feeling of regret that we all saw them fall. For over a hundred years they have watched the life upon this hillside and no one can see them go without a sigh.

— At a meeting of the Faculty held Nov. 26th it was decided that only 12 games should be retained on the basketball schedule. The Faculty has cancelled the game with Syracuse, which was to be played there, and the one with Utica Free Academy, which was scheduled for this evening.

ALUMNIANA

'56. By the terms of "Square" Root's will, the Kirkland Town Library has received a complete bound set of the old Hamilton Literary Monthly, together with a set of the "Lit" as now published.

'83. Rev. John Calvin Mead, D. D., is, since June 6th, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Waynesburgh, Pa.

'91. B. H. Woodford has been appointed to the Chair of Modern Languages in Oklahoma Christian University, of Enid, Okla.

'99. E. J. Humeston has accepted a call as assistant rector of the First Unitarian Church at Philadelphia.

'01. Lieut. Goss L. Stryker has returned from the Philippines and will be stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

'02. D. R. Campbell has secured a Fellowship in Geology at Princeton.

Miss Grace McGuire and Dr. F. H. Church were united in marriage in Utica, Nov. 27th.

'03. F. M. Barnes, Jr., has received a two years' appointment as interne in the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital for the Insane at Towson, Md.

Dr. George E. Miller, of Utica, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been appointed an interne in the New York City Hospital.

'04. George E. Wisewell, '04, and Charles Rynd, '07, are taking graduate studies in Johns Hopkins University.

'05. The engagement of Miss Mary Simms, of Herkimer, to Walter M. Palmer, of Little Falls, was announced this week.

Holley, '66, Henderson, '68, Tremaine, '88, Wight, '91, Lomber, '01, Davis, '04, Hayes, '05, Jenks, '06, Schwartz, Sprague, '07, Miller, ex-'08, have been on the Hill recently.

Freshman Class Meeting

Last Monday at a meeting in the Chapel the Freshmen authorized their President to engage the services of Attorney E. E. Risley, of Utica, to defend the class in the case entitled Allen vs. 1910 and 1911. Mr. Risley is attorney for both classes. Each class will stand one-half the expense.

Coasting Accident

The first coasting accident of the year occurred Wednesday forenoon when two Freshmen ran into a tree in front of the D. K. E. House. One of them, Wilder, will be laid up for several days with a sprained ankle.

Prof. Ibbotson Lectures

Under the auspices of the Teacher's Association of Utica, there will be given during the winter a course of fifteen lectures on the English Poetry of the Nineteenth Century, by Professor Ibbotson. These lectures will be delivered in the Advanced School on alternate Monday afternoons at 4:15. The first lecture was given Monday and the subject was "Wordsworth and Nature." These lectures will be instructive and of interest to all lovers of good literature.

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